

## Encourage Public and Private Investments in Medical Research

Investments in basic health research are critical to advance medical knowledge. Tremendous advances in medicine have resulted from breakthroughs resulting from the nation's investments, in basic research both privately and through the National Institutes of Health. The public benefits from discoveries that advance medical science as well as from the development of new pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, processes and procedures. Incentives must be maintained for the health care system to continually invest in basic and clinical research.

Health services research and scientific assessments of the safety, clinical effectiveness and cost/benefits of healthcare technology are also essential for a well functioning health care system. Investments in health services research are needed to determine the safety, effectiveness, and efficacy of medical tests and procedures. Information obtained from this research must be widely disseminated to guide health care providers to appropriately utilize new technologies and avoid inappropriate and over-use.

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### ACP Policy vs. President-elect Obama's Proposal

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Increase funding for research. Fund basic and applied medical research, health services research and independent research on the effectiveness, costs and benefits of different treatments compared to each other.	Establish an independent institute for comparative effectiveness review, research and other patient safety efforts.  Accelerate efforts to develop and disseminate best practices.  For more information visit the Obama <a href="#"><u>website</u></a> .